the Revised Civil Statutes of 1925, and declaring an emergency."

Have carefully compared same and find it correctly enrolled.

MORSE, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, February 18, 1927. Hon. Robert Lee Bobbitt, Speaker of the

House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled

Bills, to whom was referred H. C. R. No. 26, Relative to holding the American Legion convention in San Antonio.

Have carefully compared same and find it correctly enrolled.

MORSE, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, February 17, 1927. Hon. Robert Lee Bobbitt, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 29, "An Act to amend Article 1903, of Chapter 2, Title 40, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1925, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same and

find it correctly enrolled.

MORSE, Chairman.

### TWENTY-SIXTH DAY, (Continued.)

(Saturday, February 19, 1927.)

The House met at 9 o'clock a. m. and was called to order by Speaker Bobbitt.

### HOUSE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following House bills, introduced today, were laid before the House, read severally first time and referred to the appropriate committees as follows:

By Mr. Teer:

H. B. No. 580, A bill to be entitled "An Act organizing and dividing the State of Texas into nine Administrative Judicial Districts, naming the counties composing each Administrative District, providing for the appointment of a presiding judge in each Administrative District; prescribing the powers and duties of each presiding judge; providing for the payment of expenses incurred in the administration of this act, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Judicial Districts.

By Mr. Teer:

H. B. No. 581, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 816, Chapter 1, Title 39, Revised Civil Statutes of 1925."

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Teer:

H. B. No. 582, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 198, Title 8, Revised Civil Statutes of 1925."

Referred to Committee on Judicial Districts.

By Mr. Teer:

H. B. No. 583, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1738, Chapter 3, Title 37, Revised Civil Statutes of 1925."

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Powell and others:

H. B. No. 584, A bill to be entitled "An Act to abolish the office of district attorney in the Seventy-fifth Judicial District of Texas, fixing the duties of the county attorneys of said district, and fixing their compensation, repealing all laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith and providing when said act shall be effective."

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

### HOUSE BILL NO. 107 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 107, A bill to be entitled "An Act to regulate the practice of pharmacy, control and regulate the manufacture, sale and distribution of drugs, chemicals, and poisons; fixing penalties, repealing certain laws, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time.

On motion of Mr. Wallace of Freestone, further consideration of the bill was postponed until 10 o'clock a.m. next Wednesday.

(Mr. Satterwhite in the chair.)

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 63 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 63, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 1087 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the State of Texas, relating to the arrest and custody of a delinquent child or children, so as to provide for the detention of such a child or children in counties having a population of fifty thousand or more, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 81 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 81, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 577 of the Code of Criminal Procedure."

The bill was read second time.

Mr. Rawlins offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 81, lines 15 and 16, by striking out the word "can" and inserting in lieu thereof the word "shall."

The amendment was adopted.

House bill No. 81 was then passed to engrossment.

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 500 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, as a special order for this hour, on its second reading and passage to engrossment.

H. B. No. 500, A bill to be entitled "An Act to repeal Article 348, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

### HOUSE BILL NO. 487 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to en-

H. B. No. 487, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 351, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925, changing and increasing the compensation of Field Examiners for State banks and banking corporations, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

Mr. Parrish of Travis offered the following (committee) amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 487 by inserting between the word "service" and the word "and" in line 8 of Section 1 the following: "\$4,500 for the fourth year and \$5,000 for the fifth year."

The amendment was adopted.

House bill No. 487 was then passed to engrossment.

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 488 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on

its second reading and passage to en-

grossment,

H. B. No. 488, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 350, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas of 1925, so as to authorize the Banking Commissioner of Texas to appoint State Bank Examiners, not to exceed one for each thirty banking corporations subject to examination, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time, and

was passed to engrossment.

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 501 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to en-

grossment,

H. B. No. 501, A bill to be entitled "An Act requiring the Banking Commissioner of Texas to file a final report of all liquidations; providing that upon approval of such final report the charter of each such bank shall be forfeited; and further providing for the filing of certificates of such forfeiture, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time, and

was passed to engrossment.

### HOUSE BILL NO. 502 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 502, A bill to be entitled "An Act requiring directors of State banks, bank and trust companies and banking corporations, organized and doing business under the laws of this State, to be elected annually, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

Mr. Gibson offered the following (committee) amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 502 by adding to Section 1 the following: "Should any State bank or bank and trust company, organized and doing business under the laws of this State, fail or refuse to hold an annual meeting of its stockholders and elect directors as hereby provided, upon the date fixed by law, or by the by-laws of such bank or bank and trust company or within sixty days after such date, then it shall be the duty of the Banking Commissioner to close such institution and liquidate same according to law," and amend the caption to conform thereto.

The amendment was adopted.

House bill No. 502 was then passed to engrossment.

## HOUSE BILL NO. 503 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 503, A bill to be entitled "An Act relieving State banks in the hands of the Banking Commissioner for liquidation, from the payment of franchise taxes; providing that the failure of the commissioner to pay franchise taxes for any such bank shall not operate to revoke or forfeit the charter of such corporation; repealing all laws in conflict, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

Mr. Parrish of Travis offered the following (committee) amendment to the bill:

"Provided further, that the Banking Commissioner of Texas shall not be required to file with the Secretary of State any reports for the purpose of assessing franchise taxes, as provided in Article 7088, Revised Civil Statutes, 1925," and to amend the caption accordingly.

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Story offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 503 by inserting the following after the word "corporation," page 1, line 21: "Provided, that after such liquidation should there be any funds left that would go to the stockholders, then all past due franchise taxes shall be paid before distributing such funds, if any, to outstanding stockholders."

The amendment was adopted.

House bill No. 503 was then passed to engrossment.

## HOUSE BILL NO. 504 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 504, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 517, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925, and providing that no attorney's fee shall be collectible on notes or other evidence of debt issued by a State bank in the hands of the commissioner for liquidation, when such notes or other evidence of debt are placed with an attorney for collection within thirty days after closing of such bank, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

Mr. Parrish of Travis offered the following (committee) amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 504 by inserting in line 5, of Section 1, between the word "cent" and the word "of" the following: "In excess."

The amendment was adopted.

House bill No. 504 was then passed to engrossment.

## HOUSE BILL NO. 505 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 505, A bill to be entitled "An Act prohibiting the Banking Commissioner and his employes from purchasing, directly or indirectly, any asset belonging to a State bank in the hands of the commissioner for liquidation; providing penalty, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time, and

was passed to engrossment.

## HOUSE BILL NO. 506 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 506, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 497, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925, and empowering the Banking Commissioner to require from State banks any statement concerning the affairs of such corporations as he may deem necessary; providing a penalty; fixing the venue of suits, and the disposition of penalties collected, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time, and

was passed to engrossment.

## HOUSE BILL NO. 507 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 507, A bill to be entitled "An Act repealing Article 372, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time, and

was passed to engrossment.

## HOUSE BILL NO. 508 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 508, A bill to be entitled "An Act to require all State banks, savings banks and bank and trust companies to adopt by-laws and to file certified copies of such by-laws with the Banking Commissioner; providing a penalty, and declaring an emergency.

The bill was read second time and

was passed to engrossment.

### HOUSE BILL NO. 509 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to en-

grossment,

H. B. No. 509, A bill to be entitled "An Act making it a felony for any stockholder, officer, director, employe or agent of any bank, incorporated and operating under the laws of this State, to abstract, remove, destroy or secrete any papers, books or records of any such bank, or from the custody of the Banking Commissioner; providing a penalty; prescribing the procedure for the indictment and trial of principal offenders, accomplices and accessories; repealing all laws in conflict, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and

was passed to engrossment.

### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber, Austin, Texas, February 19, 1927. Hon. Robert Lee Bobbitt, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed the following bills and resolutions:

H. C. R. No. 27, Inviting Dr. Haskell to address a joint meeting of House and Senate.

S. B. No. 128, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for co-operation between the State of Texas and the United States Department of Agriculture in the destruction of predatory animals - coyotes, wolves, mountain lions, bobcats and other predatory animals, and rodent pests, i. e., prairie dogs, jack rabbits, pocket gophers and ground squirrels; appropriating funds for such purposes, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 230, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the county court at law of McLennan county, defining the jurisdiction of said court; regulating practice therein; prescribing the terms of said court; providing for clerk and writs, records and papers, connected

thereof; providing for transfer of all cases pending in the county court of said court; creating the office of judge of the county court at law of McLennan county; providing for the selection of the judge of said court; prescribing his qualifications; fixing his compensations, and limiting the jurisdiction of the county court of McLennan county, and providing for the annual salary of

the county judge."

S. B. No. 293, A bill to be entitled "An Act granting and donating to Tyler county, Texas, for a period of fifteen years beginning January 1, 1928, that part of the State ad valorem taxes which is in excess of 10 cents on the one hundred dollars valuation of property subject to taxation collected upon property and from persons in said county including the rolling stock belonging to railroad companies which shall be ascertained and apportioned as provided by law, for road and bridge purposes, etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 351, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for assistants to the district attorney in judicial districts composed of more than one county and in which there is a city of 50,000 inhabitants or more; providing for the compensation, oath, tenure and duties of said assistants; and providing all things necessary and incident to the main purpose of the act, and declaring an emer-

gency."

S. B. No. 347, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating and establishing the Ninety-ninth Judicial District, to be composed of Lubbock county, Texas; fixing the terms and the times of holding the district court in said district; providing for a transfer of some of the cases pending in the Seventy-second Judicial District Court in said county to the court herein created, and requiring the necessary things to be done in connection with said transfer of cases; providing for the district clerk of Lubbock county to act as such clerk for the district court herein created; providing for the that the district attorney Seventy-second Judicial District shall act as the district attorney for said court herein created; providing for a district judge for the court herein created; providing that the sheriff of Lub bock county shall perform duties in connection with said court herein created as provided by general law in connection with district courts; enacting the nec essary provisions in reference to process

with cases transferred under this act; providing all matters and things incicental to the main purpose of this act, and declaring an emergency."

The Senate agrees to concur in House amendments to Senate bill No. 173 by

vote of 28 yeas and 0 nays.

Respectfully, MORRIS C. HANKINS, Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 510 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 510, A bill to be entitled "An Act making it a felony for any director, officer, or employe of a State bank or bank and trust company to enter into any contract with a bucket shop, as defined in Article 659 of the Penal Code of Texas, or to place any order with a bucket shop, as thus defined, for a margin contract or any contract denounced by Article 658 and by Article 661 of the Penal Code of Texas; fixing a penalty, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

Mr. Parrish of Travis offered the following (committee) amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 510 by striking out all the words in Section 1, begin-ning at the word "that" in line 1 and ending with the word "State" in line 3 and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "That it shall be unlawful for any officer or employe of any State bank or State bank and trust company incorporated under the laws of this State, who are, or may be actively engaged in the handling of the funds of the bank or bank and trust company and who are, or may be receiving a yearly or monthly salary from said bank or bank and trust company," and amend the caption accordingly.

The amendment was adopted.

House bill No. 510 was then passed to engrossment.

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 512 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 512, A bill to be entitled "An Act requiring all State banks to charge off annually for depreciation a percentage of cost for furniture and fixtures, and regulating the carrying of passed to engrossment.

bank buildings as an asset, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 513 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 513, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 455, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, and eliminating therefrom the provision that stockholders who are depositors of insolvent banks shall be protected for only that portion of their deposits over and above their liability as stockholders; and providing for the venue of suits to enforce stockholders' liability, and declaring an emergency,"

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 511 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 511, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 373, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, adopted at the Regular Session of the Thirty-ninth Legislature, eliminating therefrom words 'and a receiver or other agency appointed for the liquidation of its affairs and the payment of its debts,' and substituting therefor the following: 'and taken over by the Banking Commissioner of Texas for the purpose of liquidation, as provided by law,' and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 514 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 514, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 544 of the Penal Code of the State of Texas of 1925, reducing the minimum penalty for embezzling or misappropriating the funds of any State bank or bank and trust company incorporated under the laws of Texas from five to two years, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was

## HOUSE BILL NO. 531 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 531, A bill to be entitled "An Act prescribing the rate of interest that State banks, directors and officers thereof, may pay upon deposits made with such corporations."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 532 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 532, A bill to be entitled "An Act prohibiting the sale by any officer, director or employe of a State bank, any note, security or property to such bank without the written consent of the board of directors."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 533 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 533, A bill to be entitled "An Act prohibiting any person from being president and cashier, at the same time, in any bank, organized and operating under the laws of this State."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

### HOUSE BILL NO. 534 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 534, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the admission in evidence, in suits to which the Banking Commissioner of Texas may be a party, of all books, records, papers and documents, or certified copies thereof, or insolvent banks in course of liquidation by the Banking Commissioner; and providing that such originals or certified copies shall be prima facie evidence of the facts therein contained, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 535 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 535, A bill to be entitled "An Act allowing the recovery of attorney's fee and interest on stockholders' assessments in suits against stockholders of State banks to enforce their personal liability, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

## HOUSE BILL NO. 536 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to

H. B. No. 536, A bill to be entitled "An Act to relieve the Banking Commissioner of Texas and the State Banking Board from giving cost bonds in trial courts, and cost bonds and supersedeas bonds on appeal; repealing all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

## HOUSE BILL NO. 545 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 545, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 506, Revised Civil Statutes, 1925, and requiring State banks and State bank and trust companies to increase their capital stock when there shall be an undue excess of deposits over capital stock and surplus, and giving the Banking Commissioner authority to require an additional in-crease of capital stock of such corporations when necessary for the protection of depositors; prescribing the ratio of deposits to capital stock and surplus; requiring annual reports of total averlage daily deposits and from the time thereof; making directors personally liable to depositors in event of failure to comply with the provisions of this act, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

## HOUSE BILL NO. 546 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 546, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for and regulating the amendment of charters of State banks and State bank and trust companies, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was

passed to engrossment.

### BILLS SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER.

The Speaker signed, in the presence of the House, after giving due notice thereof and their captions had been read severally, the following enrolled bills: S. B. No. 173, "An Act amending Ar-

ticle 4340 of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1925, so as to abolish the office of chief clerk to the Secretary of State and creating the office of Assistant Secretary of State, prescribing his tenure, quali-fications and duties; fixing his compensation for the remainder of his fiscal year, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 223, "An Act changing the time for holding court in the Twentyeighth Judicial District, amending Section 28, of Article 199, of Title 8, of the Revised Statutes of Texas, changing the time for holding the terms of the district court of the Twenty-eighth Judicial District of Texas, repealing all laws

and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency." H. B. No. 391, "An Act to secure uniformity in election of school trustees and boards of education in independent school districts; severing all public school affairs from the municipal government; repealing Article 2774, of Chapter 13, of Title 49 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, 1925; providing for special election of trustees or school boards, and repealing all laws or parts of laws in conflict therewith, and declaring an emergency."

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 487 ON THIRD READING.

Mr. Parrish of Travis moved that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that House bill No. 487 be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following

vote:

#### Yeas-99.

Mr. Speaker. Boggs. Acker. Boon. Alexander. Branch. Avis. Brown. Barnett. Conway Bass. Cornwell. Bateman. Cox. Bird. Cummings. Black. Daniel.

DeBerry. Pool. Dielmann. Pope. Dunlap. Porter. Powell. Durham. Duvall. Purl. Enderby. Ramsey. Eickenroht. Rawlins. Farrar. Renfro Faulk. of Angelina. Finlay. Renfro of Mills. Fly. Rogers of Hays. Forbes. Rogers of Shelby. Gates. Runge. Gibson. Sanders. Gilbert. Satterwhite. Graves. Shearer. Sheats. Gray. Hagaman. Shirley. Hall. Simmons. Harding. Sinks. Smith of Nueces. Harman. Hefley. Smith of Smith. High. Smyth. Snelgrove. Holder. Holland. Stell. Hornaday. Stevenson. Storey. Jacks. Justice. Stout. Kennedy. Sutton. Kincaid. Taylor. King of Hopkins. Teer. King of Throckmorton. Turner. Van Zandt. Kinnear. Veatch. Kirkland. Waddell. Land. Wallace Long. McCombs. of Freestone. Wallace of Panola. McGill. 'Wallace of Smith. Merritt. Ware. Webb. Minor. Montgomery. Whitaker. Williams Murphy. of Sabine. Nabors. Williams Nicholson. Parish of Runnels. of Travis. Parrish of Travis. Woodall. Woodruff. Pavlica. Pearce. Young.

#### Nays-2.

Albritton.

Walker.

#### Absent.

Barron. Beck. Johnson. Jones. Kayton. Kemble. Kenyon. Lipscomb. Loftin. Loy. Masterson.

Morse. Moursund. Olsen. Poage. Reagan. Rowell. Smith of El Paso:

Swain. Wassell. Wells. Williamson.

#### Absent-Excused.

Anderson. Kirby. Bonham. McKean. Davis. Petsch. Denman. Shaver.

Smith of Atascosa. Foster. Fuchs.

Tillotson.

The Speaker then laid House bill No. 487 before the House on its third reading and final passage.

The bill was read third time and was

passed by the following vote:

#### Yeas-98.

Parrish of Travis. Mr. Speaker. Acker. Pearce. Albritton. Pool. Alexander. Pope. Porter. Avis. Barnett. Powell. Bass. Purl. Bateman. Ramsey. Beck. Rawlins. Bird. Renfro of Angelina. Black. Renfro of Mills. Boggs. Rogers of Hays. Boon. Branch. Rogers of Shelby. Brown. Runge. Conway. Sanders. Cornwell. Satterwhite. Cummings. Shearer. DeBerry. Sheats. Enderby. Shirley. Farrar. Simmons. Faulk. Sinks. Finlay.

Smith of Nueces. Smith of Smith. Fly. Forbes. Smyth. Gibson. Snelgrove. Gilbert. Stell.

Graves. Stevenson. Storey. Hall. Harding. Stout. Harman. Sutton. High. Taylor. Holder. Teer. Holland. Turner. Van Zandt. Hornaday. Jacks. Veatch. Justice. Waddell.

> Ware. Webb.

Wells.

Whitaker.

of Sabine.

of Travis.

Williams

Williams

Woodall.

Young.

Woodruff.

King of Hopkins. Wallace of Panola. Wallace of Smith.

King of Throckmorton. Kinnear. Kirkland. Long.

McCombs. McGill. Merritt. Minor. Montgomery. Murphy.

Nabors. Nicholson.

Gray. Kennedy. Kincaid. Walker.

Absent.

Navs-4.

Loftin. Barron. Cox. Loy. Daniel. Masterson. Dielmann. Morse. Dunlap. Moursund. Olsen. Durham.

Duvall. Parish of Runnels. Eickenroht. Pavlica. Gates. Poage. Hagaman. Reagan. Hefley. Rowell.

Smith of El Paso. Johnson. Jones. Swain. Kayton. Wallace Kemble. of Freestone. Kenyon. Wassell. Land. Williamson.

Lipscomb.

#### Absent-Excused.

Anderson. Kirby. Bonham. McKean. Petsch. Davis. Denman. Shaver.

Smith of Atascosa. Foster.

Fuchs. Tillotson.

Mr. Parrish of Trayis moved to reconsider the vote by which House bill No. 487 was finally passed.

The motion to reconsider prevailed. House bill No. 487 was then finally

passed by the following vote:

#### Yeas-102.

Fly. Mr. Speaker. Acker. Forbes. Albritton. Gibson. Alexander. Gilbert. Avis. Graves. Barnett. Gray. Hall. Bass. Harding. Bateman. Bird. Harman. Black. High. Holland. Boggs. Hornaday. Boon. Branch. Jacks. Justice. Brown. Conway. Kennedy. Kincaid. Cornwell.

King of Hopkins. Cox. King of Throckmorton.

Cummings.

Daniel. DeBerry. Kinnear. Kirkland. Enderby. Farrar. Land. Long. McCombs. Faulk. Finlay.

Smith of Nueces. McGill. Smith of Smith. Merritt. Smyth. Minor. Snelgrove. Montgomery. Murphy. Stell. Stevenson. Nabors. Nicholson. Storey. Parrish of Travis. Stout. Sutton. Pearce. Taylor. Pool. Pope. Teer. Porter. Vurner. Van Zandt. Powell. Teatch. Purl. Ramsey. Waddell. Rawlins. Walker. Wallace of Panola. Renfro of Angelina. Wallace of Smith. Renfro of Mills. Ware. Webb. Rogers of Hays. Rogers of Shelby. Whitaker. Runge. Williams of Sabine. Sanders Williams Satterwhite. of Travis. Shearer.

Sheats.

Shirley.

Sinks.

Simmons.

### Absent.

Woodall.

Young.

Woodruff.

Barron. Loy. Masterson. Beck. Dielmann. Morse. Moursund. Dunlap. Olsen. Parish of Runnels. Durham. Duvall. Eickenroht. Gates. Poage. Reagan. Hagaman. Hefley. Rowell. Smith of El Paso. Holder. Johnson. Swain. Wallace Jones. of Freestone. Kayton. Wassell. Kemble. Wells. Kenyon. Lipscomb. Williamson. Loftin.

#### Absent-Excused.

Anderson. Kirby. Bonham. McKean. Petsch. Davis. Shaver. Denman. Smith of Atascosa. Foster. Tillotson. Fuchs.

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 500 ON THIRD READING. .

Mr. Gibson moved that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read-on three several days be suspended and that House bill No. 500 be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following

Yeas-101.

Mr. Speaker. Murphy. Nabors. Acker. Nicholson. Parrish of Travis. Alexander. Avis. Barnett. Pearce. Bass. Pool. Bateman. Pope. Porter. Beck. Bird. Powell. Purl. Black. Ramsey. Boggs. Rawlins. Boon. Branch. Renfro of Angelina. Brown. Renfro of Mills. Rogers of Hays. Conway. Cornwell. Rogers of Shelby, Cox. Cummings. Runge. Sanders. Daniel. DeBerry. Satterwhite. Enderby. Shearer. Eickenroht. Sheats. Farrar. Shirley. Faulk. Sinks. Smith of Nueces. Finlay. Smith of Smith. Fly. Forbes. Smyth. Gibson. Snelgrove. Stell. Gilbert. Graves. Stevenson. Storey. Gray. Hall. Stout. Harding. Sutton. Taylor. Harman. Teer. High. Holland. Turner. Van Zandt. Hornaday. Jacks. Veatch. Waddell. Justice. Kennedy. Walker. Wallace of Panola, Kenyon. Wallace of Smith, Kincaid. King of Hopkins. Ware.

King of Throckmorton. Kinnear. Kirkland.

Land. Long. McCombs. McGill. Merritt. Minor.

Montgomery.

Nays-1.

Webb.

Wells.

Whitaker.

of Sabine.

of Travis.

Williams

Williams

Woodall.

Young.

Woodruff.

Albritton.

Absent.

Barron. Dielmann. Dunlap. Durham.

Duvall. Gates. Hagaman. Hefley.

Holder. Parish of Runnels. Johnson. Pavlica. Poage. Jones. Kayton. Reagan. Kemble. Rowell. Lipscomb. Simmons. Smith of El Paso. Loftin. Loy. Swain. Masterson. Wallace of Freestone. Morse. Wassell. Moursund. Williamson. Olsen.

#### Absent-Excused.

Anderson. Kirby.
Bonham. McKean.
Davis. Petsch.
Denman. Shaver.
Foster. Smith of Atascosa.

Fuchs. Tillotson.

The Speaker then laid House bill No. 500 before the House on its third read-

ing and final passage.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote:

#### Yeas-104.

Jacks. Mr. Speaker. Justice. Acker. Albritton. Kennedy. Kincaid. Alexander. King of Hopkins. Avis. King of Throckmorton. Barnett. Bass. Kinnear. Bateman. Kirkland. Beck. Bird. Land. Long. McCombs. McGill. Black. Boggs. Boon. Merritt. Branch. Brown. Minor. Montgomery. Conway. Murphy. Cornwell. Nabors. Cox. Cummings. Nicholson. Parrish of Travis. Daniel. Pearce. DeBerry. Pool. Enderby. Pope. Farrar. Porter. Faulk. Powell. Finlay. Purl. Fly. Ramsey. Forbes. Rawlins. Gibson. Gilbert. Renfro of Angelina. Graves. Rogers of Hays. Rogers of Shelby. Gray. Hall. Runge. Harding. Harman. Sanders. Satterwhite. High. Shearer. Holland.

Sheats.

Hornaday.

Simmons. Waddell. Sinks. Walker. Smith of Nueces. Wallace of Panola. Smith of Smith. Wallace of Smith. Smyth. Ware. Snelgrove. Webb. Wells. Stell. Stevenson. Whitaker. Storey. Williams Stout. of Sabine. Williams Taylor. Teer. of Travis. Woodall. . Turner. Van Zandt. Woodruff. Veatch. Young.

#### Absent.

Masterson. Barron. Dielmann. Morse. Dunlap. Moursund. Olsen. Durham. Duvall. Parish of Runnels. Eickenroht. Pavlica. Poage. Gates. Hagaman. Reagan. Renfro of Mills. Hefley. Holder. Rowell. Shirley. Johnson. Smith of El Paso: Jones. Sutton. Kayton. Kemble. Swain. Wallace Kenyon. of Freestone. Lipscomb. Wassell. Loftin. Williamson. Loy.

### Absent-Excused.

Anderson. Kirby.
Bonham. McKean.
Davis. Petsch.
Denman. Shaver.
Foster. Smith of Atascosa.
Fuchs. Tillotson.

### HOUSE BILL NO. 93 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 93, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1302 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, 1925, providing additional purposes for which corporations may be formed under the laws of Texas under what shall be known as Title and Trust Companies, providing said corporations may incorporate for one or more of the purposes stated, and that no corporation incorporated under this section shall be incorporated for less than one hundred thousand dollars, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

Mr. Montgomery offered the following (committee) amendments to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 93 by striking out on page 2 the words, "under this subdivision with a capital stock of less than one hundred thousand dollars," and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "Including in its corporate powers the purposes provided in the fourth subdivision of this act with a capital stock of not less than fifty thousand dollars."

Amend House bill No. 93 in the caption by striking out lines 13 and 14, on page 1, and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "Including in its corporate powers the purposes provided in the fourth subdivision of this act with a capital stock of not less than fifty thousand dollars."

The amendments were severally adopted.

House bill No. 93 was then passed to engrossment.

## HOUSE BILL NO. 96 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 96, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1728 of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1925, regulating the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court by changing Subdivision 6 of said article to provide that the Supreme Court shall take jurisdiction in any case where the Civil Court of Appeals has, in the opinion of the Supreme Court, erroneously declared the substantive law of the case."

The bill was read second time.

Mr. Jacks offered the following amendments to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 96 by striking out all below the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

Section 1. That Article 1728 of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1925 be and is hereby amended so that hereafter it shall read as follows:

Article 1728. The Supreme Court shall have appellate jurisdiction co-extensive with the limits of the State, extending to all questions of law arising in the following cases when same have been brought to the Court of Civil Appeals from final judgment of trial courts:

(1) Those in which the judges of the Courts of Civil Appeals may disagree upon any question of law material to the decision.

(2) Those in which one of the Courts of Civil Appeals holds differently from a prior decision of its own, or of another Court of Civil Appeals, or of the Supreme Court upon any such question of law.

(3) Those involving the construction or the validity of statutes.

(4) Those involving the revenues of the State.

(5) Those in which the Railroad Commission is a party.

(6) Those in which, in the opinion of the Supreme Court, the Court of Civil Appeals has erroneously declared the substantive law of the case, in which case the Supreme Court shall take jurisdiction for the purpose of correcting such error.

Amend House bill No. 96 by striking out all above the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following: "A bill to be entitled 'An Act to amend Article 1728 of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1925, regulating the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court by changing Subdivision 6 of said article to provide that the Supreme Court shall take jurisdiction in any case where the Civil Court of Appeals has, in the opinion of the Supreme Court, erroneously declared the substantive law of the case."

The amendments were severally adopted.

House bill No. 96 was then passed to engrossment.

# HOUSE BILL NO. 97 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 97, A bill to be entitled "An Act to regulate practice in the district and county courts, requiring litigants to furnish the clerk of court duplicate originals of all pleadings and all other papers filed in the cause during its progress or incident to appeal or writ of error; making it the duty of the clerk to keep an active and a dormanc file in each cause; prescribing what the record shall contain on appeal or writ of error, directing how it shall be prepared and authenticated, and fixing fees allowed the clerk for services."

The bill was read second time.

Mr. Jacks offered the following amendments to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 97 by adding in the body of said bill the following, Section 4, to wit: "All laws and parts

of laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed."

Amend House bill No. 97, page 1, line 17, by adding after the words "Section 1," the following: "In all civil

Amend House bill No. 97 by adding to caption of said bill the following: "All laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed."

Amend House bill 97, page 2, by add-

ing Section 4 as follows:
"Section 4. Provided, that after the time for perfecting a writ of error either in the county court or district court has expired, such duplicate copies

may be destroyed."

Amend the caption of House bill No. 97 by adding in line 7, after the words "An Act to regulate," the word "civil," and adding at the end of the caption, after the word "services," in line 15, the following: "And providing for disposal of such duplicate copies after the time for perfecting a writ of error has expired."

The amendments severally

adopted.

Mr. Minor offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 97 by inserting between the words "interest" and "including," in line 21, page 1, the words "in counties having two or more district or county courts."

The amendment was adopted.

House bill No. 97 was then passed to engrossment.

### HOUSE BILL NO. 215 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 215, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 6143, Title 106, providing that the State Board of Control and State Parks Board shall give due consideration to the pecan tree when beautifying State parks or other public property belonging to the State, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

### RELATING TO HOUSE JOINT RESO-LUTION NO. 14.

On motion of Mr. Brown, the engrossing clerk was authorized to make certain corrections in House joint resolution No. 14.

### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber, Austin, Texas, February 19, 1927. Hon. Robert Lee Bobbitt, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed the following bills:

- S. B. No. 30, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing the creation of a junior college in any independent district or city that has assumed control of its schools in the State of Texas, and with certain other limitations, and declaring an emergency."
- S. B. No. 169, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for the extension of electric light, power and gas lines by street and interurban railway corporations for the purpose of supplying light, power and gas to the public at points beyond the territory adjacent to the town or cities in or through which they operate, with the right for such purposes, of any such corporation, to acquire, lease or purchase the physical properties, rights and franchises, of any other person, firm or corporation en-gaged in the business of selling electric light, power or gas to the public, and declaring an emergency."
- S. B. No. 182, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide an old age relief system for resident citizens over the age of seventy years; providing for the administration of the system through the county commissioners courts of the various counties in the State and permitting the payment of the old age relief and the expense of the administration from the general revenue of the county of which the applicant is a resident; prescribing the qualifications of an applicant for relief under the act and permitting the discontinuance of the relief on conviction of an offense or upon evidence of changed status of the beneficiary; and fixing the punishment of any applicant or other person violating any of the provisions of the act; defining certain terms used in the act, and identifying the measure as the Old Age Relief Act of the State of Texas, and declaring an emergency."
- S. B. No. 197, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 3716 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1925, by adding thereto a provision as follows: 'Provided, however, that in actions begun during the lifetime of the decedent in which executors, administrators, guardians or the heirs

of legal representatives of the decedent have been substituted as parties plaintiff or defendant in which such actions either plaintiff or defendant has testified in open court or by deposition and has been subject to cross examination by either party may be admitted in evidence upon any subsequent trial of the same issues between the surviving party and the executors, administrators, guardians, heirs or legal representatives of the deceased party, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 288, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide additional compensation to official shorthand reporters of Texas in judicial districts composed of two or more counties by allowing compensation for actual necessary expenses when engaged in the discharge of their official duties, etc., and declaring an

emergency."

The Senate returns herewith House bill No. 421 to the House for further

consideration:

H. B. No. 421, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 65 of the local and special laws enacted by the First Called Session of the Thirty-ninth Legislature of the State of Texas, known as House bill No. 202, creating Road District No. 4 in Atascosa county, Texas, and validating certain district road bonds of said road district and proceedings had with respect to their issue, so as to repeal Section 3b of said Special Act, legalizing, approving and validating the proposition of issuing district road bonds of said road district in the sum of four hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$450,000) and certain orders and proceedings recited to have been had with respect thereto; declaring intention to in nowise affect any other provisions of said special and local law; evidencing proof of publication of constitutional notice required in such acts, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 147, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 2625, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas to change the number of the Board of Regents from six to nine members, and declaring an

emergency."

Respectfully,
MORRIS C. HANKINS,
Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

HOUSE BILL NO. 463 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment, H. B. No. 463, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for the classification of elementary and high schools by the county board of trustees; providing for free tuition for certain high school students; repealing Article 2678, Revised Statutes, 1925, and all other laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

Mr. Brown offered the following (committee) amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 463 by inserting the following in Section 1, line 16, after the words "State superintendent":

"Provided, that if said student, after having completed the course of study offered in his home district is not prepared to enter a high school recognized by either the county or State, the superintendent of the school district which maintains the high school he desires to attend shall place said student in the proper grade and said district shall be entitled to receive tuition for said student in the same manner as if said student should attend the high school of said district," and amend the caption accordingly.

The amendment was adopted.

(Speaker in the chair.)

Mr. Purl offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 463 by striking out Section 2.

The amendment was lost.

House bill No. 463 was then passed to engrossment.

### SENATE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following Senate bills, received from the Senate today, were laid before the House, read severally first time and referred to the appropriate committees as follows:

Senate bill No. 30, to the Committee on Education.

Senate bill No. 128, to the Committee on Appropriations.

Senate bill No. 147, to the Committee on Education.

Senate bill No. 169, to the Committee on Municipal and Private Corporations.

Senate bill No. 182 to the Committee on State Affairs.

Senate bill No. 197, to Judiciary Committee.

Senate bill No. 230, to Judiciary Committee.

Senate bill No. 288, to Judiciary Committee.

Senate bill No. 293, to the Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

Senate bill No. 347, to the Committee on Judicial Districts.

#### ADJOURNMENT.

Mr. Daniel moved that the House adjourn until 10 o'clock a. m. next Monday.

Mr. Holland moved that the House

recess to 2 o'clock p. m. today.

The motion of Mr. Daniel prevailed, and the House accordingly, at 12:25 o'clock p. m., adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m. next Monday.

#### APPENDIX.

#### STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS.

The following standing committees have today filed favorable reports on bills as follows:

Military Affairs: Senate concurrent resolution No. 16; House bill No. 551.

Appropriations: House bills Nos. 191, 569.

Municipal and Private Corporations: House bills Nos. 401, 168, 206, 232.

Criminal Jurisprudence: House bill No. 88.

Conservation and Reclamation: House bill No. 568; Senate bill No. 259.

School Districts: House bill No. 522. Labor: Senate bill No. 117.

The Committee on School Districts today filed an adverse report on House bill No. 522.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON ENGROSSED BILLS.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, February 18, 1927. Hon. Robert Lee Bobbitt, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed

Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 107, A bill to be entitled "An Act to regulate the practice of pharmacy, control and regulate the manufacture, sale and distribution of drugs, chemicals and poisons; fixing penalties; repealing certain laws, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same and

find it correctly engrossed.

TAYLOR, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, February 18, 1927. Hon. Robert Lee Bobbitt, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills to whom was referred

H. B. No. 245, A bill to be entitled

"An Act to validate all ad valorem tax levies heretofore made by cities and towns in the State of Texas, which levies are unenforceable because of the failure of the governing bodies in such respective cities and towns to make such levies, by ordinance, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same and

find it correctly engrossed.

TAYLOR, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, February 18, 1927. Hon. Robert Lee Bobbitt, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed

Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 256, A bill to be entitled "An Act repealing Chapter 15 of the Special Laws of the Thirty-seventh Legislature, entitled 'An Act creating a more efficient road system for Hardin county, Texas; providing that each commissioner of the same shall be ex-officio road commissioner of his precinct; providing for an inspection of roads, bridges and culverts by said commissioner; providing for bonds, compensation and duties, and providing for the work of delinquent poll tax payers of the public roads and accepting certain compensation in lieu of road work; providing that the commissioners court shall have power to build roads, bridges, culverts, etc., by private contract; providing that the commissioners court may employ a superintendent who shall be an experienced civil engineer in road building; providing penalties for the vio-lation of this act, and this act shall be cumulative of all General Laws of this State not in conflict herewith; repealing Chapter 82, Special Laws, passed by the Thirty-second Legislature, and declaring an emergency,

Have carefully compared same and

find it correctly engrossed.

TAYLOR, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, February 18, 1927. Hon. Robert Lee Bobbitt, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed

Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 577, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 7752, Chapter 2, Title 128, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, adopted at the Regular Session of the Thirty-ninth Legislature, to authorize conservation and reclamation districts obtaining a water supply under contract with the

United States to waive the statutory lien given them, and declaring an emergency,

Have carefully compared same and

find it correctly engrossed.

TAYLOR, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, February 18, 1927. Hon. Robert Lee Bobbitt, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed

Bills, to whom was referred H. B. No. 556, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 7596, Chapter 1, Title 128, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, adopted at the Regular Session of the Thirty-ninth Legislature, to authorize conservation and reclamation districts co-operating under contract with the United States to waive the preference lien given them by statute, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same and

find it correctly engrossed.

TAYLOR, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, February 18, 1927.

Hon. Robert Lee Bobbitt, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed

Bills, to whom was referred

H. J. R. No. 15, Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas, authorizing a tax levy for Confederate soldiers and sailors and their widows, and providing for submission of same to the qualified electors of this State at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, A. D. 1928, and providing for the necessary proclama-

Have carefully compared same and

find it correctly engrossed.

TAYLOR, Chairman.

## TWENTY-SEVENTH DAY.

(Monday, February 21, 1927.)

The House met at 10 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Speaker Bobbitt.

The roll was called, and the follow-

ing members were present:

Acker. Albritton. Bateman. Alexander. Beck. Avis. Bird. Barnett. Black. Barron. Boggs.

Boon. Poage. Branch. Pool. Pope. Brown. Porter. Conway Cornwell. Powell. Cox. Purl. Cummings. Ramsey. Daniel. Rawlins: Davis. Reagan. Renfro of Mills. Denman. Duvall. Rogers of Hays. Enderby Rogers of Shelby. Eickenroht. Sanders. Satterwhite. Farrar. Shaver. Faulk. Finlay. Shearer. Fly. Sheats. Forbes. Shirley. Fuchs. Simmons. Gibson. Sinks. Smith of Nueces. Gilbert. Smith of Smith. Graves. Smyth. Gray. Hall. Snelgrove. Harding. Stell. Storey. Harman. Hefley. Stout. Sutton. High. Holland. Swain. Hornaday. Taylor. Teer. Jacks. Tillotson. Jones. Turner. Justice. Van Zandt. Kennedy. Kincaid. Veatch. Waddell. King of Throckmorton. Walker. Wallace Kirkland. Land. of Freestone. Wallace of Panola. Lipscomb. Loftin. Wallace of Smith. Long. Ware. Masterson. Wassell. Webb. McCombs. Wells. McGill. Whitaker. Merritt. Williams Minor. Montgomery. of Sabine. Williams Morse. of Travis. Murphy. Williamson. Nabors. Woodall. Nicholson. Parrish of Travis. Woodruff. Young. Pearce.

### Absent.

DeBerry. Foster. Gates. Kenyon.

Petsch. Smith of Atascosa.

Smith of El Paso.

#### Absent-Excused.

Anderson. Bonham. Dielmann. Dunlap.

Durham. Hagaman. Holder. Johnson.